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"Seeding", Lisa Bergh, 2013
SMAHC AWARDS $19,128 IN GRANTS TO INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS

_SMAHC Individual Artists Legacy Grants_ provide up to $7,000 to aid established career artists in the advanced stage of their career development with projects that leave an arts legacy in Minnesota.

Lisa Bergh & Andrew Nordin, New London, $7,000 for their Traveling Museum project.

Nikki Erickson, Willmar, $6,925 to direct _The Laramie Project_.

_SMAHC Individual Artists Development Grants_ provide up to $1,500 to aid emerging artists at an early stage of their career development.

Curtis Gander, Hutchinson, $1,500 to create a series of paintings of scenes from Hutchinson.

Laura Tollefson, Watkins, $1,500 to create a body of work to exhibit.

Christopher Gustafson, Watkins, $1,500 for welding equipment for metal sculpture.

Mark Thode, Pipestone, $703 to create a new body of work (photography).

SMAHC AWARDS $41,454 IN ARTS ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

_Arts Organization Development & Legacy Equipment & Facilities Grants_ provide up to $5,000 in matching funds to arts organizations to strengthen their capacity to provide quality arts activities or to $15,000 in matching funds to arts organizations for equipment & facilities grants.

Milan Village Arts School, $4,107 for a new computer and a board retreat and $4,050 to contract a fundraising, publicity, and volunteer coordinator.

Litchfield Community Theatre, $3,000 for new lighting equipment.

Hutchinson Theatre Company, $4,125 to develop a 6-week theatre education program for community members.

Willmar Area Arts Council, $880 for tables, chairs, and shelving for classroom spaces.

Greater Litchfield Opera House Association, $5,000 for interior design planning for restoration.

Pipestone Performing Arts Center, $9,342 for a new lighting console.

Business, Arts, & Recreation Center, Windom, $15,000 for new stage curtains and electrical upgrades.

SMAHC Offers New Operating Support Grants

The Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council is now offering operating support grants for arts organizations. These two-year grants are available to arts organizations that have been designated as 501(c)(3) nonprofits for at least three years.

The amount of the grant is determined by the organization’s operating budget. Organizations with an average annual operating budget of less than $25,000 may apply for up to 50% of the organization’s average operating budget for the first year of the grant and up to 25% for the second year of the grant. Organizations with an average annual operating budget of more than $25,000 may apply for up to 15% of the organization’s average operating budget.

An organization that qualifies for Minnesota State Arts Board operating support funds is not eligible for this program. If applying for an operating support grant, organizations may not include requests for operating support costs in applications for other SMAHC grant programs. The application deadline is October 15, 2013, with operating support going into effect on January 1, 2014.

Monthly Small Grant Deadlines

The following grants now have monthly deadlines from August 2013 through April 2014:

**Arts Legacy Planning Grants:** Provides area arts organizations up to $2,000 to complete a thorough planning process for large-scale arts projects. 10% cash match required.

**Small Equipment Grants:** Provides area arts organizations up to $2,000 to purchase equipment that will help them fulfill their mission. 10% cash match required.

**Arts Organization Start-Up Grants:** Provides newly formed art organizations up to $2,000 to develop articles of incorporation, by-laws, and apply for their 501(c)(3) status. No cash match required.

**Small Arts Organization Development Grants:** Provides area art organizations up to $2,000 for organizational development & management projects that will impact the organization’s stability. 10% cash match required.
Grant Calendar for SMAHC—Fiscal Year 2014

Grants for Arts Organizations

Arts Project & Arts Legacy Project Grants: up to 20,000 in funding with 20% cash match required

- Round I deadline: August 16, 2013 (earliest start date: Oct 15, 2013)
- Round II deadline: December 13, 2013 (earliest start date: Feb. 15, 2013)
- Round III deadline: March 21, 2014 (earliest start date: May 15, 2014)

Arts Organization Development & Arts Legacy Equipment/Facilities Grants: up to $15,000 in funding with 20% cash match required

- Round I deadline: September 6, 2013 (earliest start date: October 15, 2013)
- Round II deadline: February 7, 2013 (earliest start date: March 15, 2014)

Arts Organization Operating Support Grants:

- Deadline: October 15, 2013 (Grants go into effect January 1, 2014)

Small Grants: with a monthly deadline on the 1st of each month; August - April

- Arts Legacy Project Planning Grants: up to $2000 with 10% cash match required
- Small Equipment Grants: up to $2000 with 10% cash match required
- Start-up Grants: up to $2000 with NO match required
- Small Arts Organization Development Grants: up to $2000 with 10% cash match required

Grants for Artists

Individual Artist - Development Grants: up to $1,500 in funding

- Deadline: September 20, 2013 (earliest start date: November 15, 2013)

Individual Artist - Established Career Grants: up to $5,000 in funding

- Deadline: September 20, 2013 (earliest start date: November 15, 2013)

Individual Artist - Established Career Grants with a Legacy-level project: up to $7,000 in funding

- Deadline: September 20, 2013 (earliest start date: November 15, 2013)

Art Study Opportunity for Youth Grants: up to $500 in funding

- Deadline: February 28, 2014 (earliest start date: April 15, 2014)

Grants for Schools

Arts in the Schools Grant: up to $2,500 in funding with NO cash match required

- Round I deadline: October 15, 2013 (earliest start date: December 15, 2013)
- Round II deadline: February 28, 2014 (earliest start date: April 15, 2014)
Grant review panelists needed for 2013-2014

Are you interested in . . .
* learning about all the arts activities taking place in Southwest Minnesota?
* discussing art and its impact on individuals & communities in our region?
* networking with other regional artists and arts volunteers?
* weighing in on SMAHC’s grant application process?
* receiving free tickets to evaluate SMAHC-funded arts activities?
* being a part of bringing about arts funding in our communities?

If so, we’d love for you to consider being a grant review panelist for SMAHC.

Panelists log-in to SMAHC’s online grant system to read grant applications and do preliminary scoring based on the criteria for the particular grant program. Then they meet on a Saturday (panel meetings generally run from 9:00 am through mid-afternoon) to discuss the applications, finalize their scores, and make a funding recommendation to the SMAHC Board of Directors. Meals and mileage reimbursement for the day are provided by SMAHC. Panelists may serve on the panel for one or more grant programs, depending on expertise, interest, and availability.

Grant review panel dates for 2013-2014 are as follows:

**Art Projects / Arts Legacy Projects**
September 7, 2013 • January 11, 2014 • April 12, 2014

**Operating Support**
November 2, 2013

**Arts in the Schools / Art Study Opportunity for Youth**
November 16, 2013 • March 15, 2014

**Individual Artists**
October 12, 2013

SMAHC grant review panelists are appointed by the Board of Directors and serve a one-year term. To apply, go to [www.smahc.org/smahc_panels.htm](http://www.smahc.org/smahc_panels.htm) for a copies of the panelist application and conflict of interest policy. Return both, along with your resume, to smahcinfo@iw.net or PO Box 55, Marshall, MN 56258.

We’re looking forward to hearing from you!

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**Thanks to everyone who served as a panelist on SMAHC’s 2012-2013 Grant Review Panels!**

Bobbie Alsgaard-Lien, Rushmore
Mark Bosveld, Marshall
Bob Dorlac, Marshall
Craig Edwards, New London
Connie Feig, Raymond
Kathy Fransen, Jackson
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Emily Olson, Pipestone
Christa Otteson, New London
Jean Replinger, Marshall
Cindy Reverts, Luverne
Kathy Schaefer, Marshall
Marilee Strom, Windom
Jim Swartz, Marshall
Sheila Tabaka, Marshall
Robert Trooien, Hendricks
Dan Wahl, Walnut Grove
Mark Wilmes, Tyler
Jesse White, Currie
Jeanne Whitney, New London
Tom Wirt, Hutchinson
SMAHC AWARDS $20,541 IN ARTS IN THE SCHOOLS GRANTS

Arts in the Schools Grants provide schools with up to $2,500 for artist residencies and up to $1,000 for arts-related field trips for projects that include educator training and community involvement.

Renville County West School, $2,500 a Mark Lusardi raku pottery glaze residency.

Special Opportunity Arts in the Schools was a fast-track, one-time grant opportunity that provided up to $2,000 to schools for artist residencies, art-related field trips or after school/summer art classes.

Lake Benton Elementary, $1,770 for students to attend the Conference for Young Artists.

Tracy Area Elementary School, $2,000 for an after-school elementary choir for area public, private and home schooled students.

Minnesota Valley Area Learning Center, Montevideo, $1,295 for a field trip to see Of Mice and Men at Park Square Theatre in St Paul.

New London-Spicer High School, $1,950 for a Craig Edwards pottery residency and $2,000 for band, choir, theatre, and visual arts field trips.

Westbrook-Walnut Grove High School, $2,000 to offer arts workshops during the Region IIIA Visual Arts Competition.

Stevens Elementary School, Dawson, $2,000 for a Ross Sutter dulcimer and limberjack residency.

Dawson-Boyd Public School, $1,836 for a Fern Cloud poetry residency and field trip to the MN Center for Book Arts.

Dassel-Cokato Community Education, $1,190 for a field trip to the Children’s Theatre Company in Minneapolis.

Lester Prairie Public Schools, $2,000 for their student art club.

SMAHC scholarship recipients attend Rural Arts & Culture Summit

Thirty-four artists, arts organization representatives, and community leaders received SMAHC scholarships (totaling $7,500) to attend the Rural Arts & Culture Summit in Morris, MN on June 5-6. Out of approximately 300 attendees, 47 were from the SMAHC region, representing Appleton, Benson, Canby, Danvers, Dassel, Dawson, Granite Falls, Hutchinson, Luverne, Marshall, Milan, Montevideo, Morton, New London, Ortonville, Rushmore, Tyler, Willmar, Windom, and Worthington.

Participants speak about their experience:

- The speakers were excellent, the networking was fun and interesting . . . I learned how the arts can cultivate economic development and steps to take to bring that about. Many good ideas that can be adapted to fit my community.

- As a participant in the exhibition, I was able to introduce my work to a large audience. It was a pleasure to meet and connect with such a diverse group of individuals who share my interest and enthusiasm for the arts.

- It gave us some energy and hope that the transformation of our community can happen through the arts.

- The summit was inspiring and enlightening. I will apply as much of what I learned as I can to my visual arts curriculum in the fall.

- I particularly enjoyed the case stories, because I learn from how specific ideas are specifically implemented.

- I felt inspired that our work is indeed important and can reach all for the improvement of our quality of life. Also, I gained some great contacts and enjoyed the networking.
SMAHC AWARDS $94,704 IN ARTS PROJECTS & PLANNING GRANTS

**Art Project Grants** provide arts organizations with up to $5,000 in matching funds to produce or present a community-serving art project.

**Rock County Fine Arts Association**, Luverne, $4,900 for their 7th Annual Art Rocks! festival.

**Big Stone Arts Council**, Ortonville, $2,604 for Lakeside Writers’ Weekend.

**Buffalo Ridge Chorale**, Hendricks, $4,990 for their 2013-2014 concerts and youth workshop/concert.

**Civil War Days**, Pipestone, $5,000 for their 2014 festival.

**Crow River Singers**, Hutchinson, $1,815 for their 2013-2014 concerts.

**Winsted Arts Council**, $2,604 for their 2013-2014 exhibits, classes and performances.

**Prairie Arts Chorale**, region-wide, $2,451 for their 2013-2014 concerts.

**Fiber & Fabric Guild**, Hutchinson, $3,750 for fiber arts classes.

**Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra**, $5,000 for their Fall 2013 Concert.

**Spicer Beautification Committee**, $3,575 for their 2013 Summer Music on the Deck concert series.

**Crow River Area Youth Orchestra**, Hutchinson, $2,320 for their Varsity Strings and Introduction to Strings programs and $4,955 for the Fall 2013 Symphony Season.

**Willmar Area Arts Council**, $4,412 for their exhibit series.

**Southwest Minnesota Orchestra**, Marshall, $5,000 for their Fall 2013 Concert.


**Arts Legacy Project Grants** provide arts organizations up to $20,000 to produce or present high quality arts events that leave an arts legacy in Minnesota.

**Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra**, $8,084 for three concerts and a conductor search.

**Marshall Area Fine Arts Council**, $9,600 for the installation of a sports/recreation mural.

**Dawson-Boyd Arts Association**, $9,508 for their Focus on Brass concerts and residency.

**Hutchinson Center for the Arts**, $6,133 for their 2013 Youth Summer Arts Camps.

**Arts Legacy Planning Grants** provide arts organizations up to $2,000 to complete a thorough planning process for large-scale arts projects.

**New London Arts & Culture Alliance**, $2,000 for planning to create a public art exhibition space in downtown New London.

**SMAHC Board-Initiated Grants:**

**Crow River Area Youth Orchestra**, Hutchinson, $648 for a 5-year planning meeting.

**Upper MN River Valley Regional Development Commission**, Appleton, $2,000 for planning large scale public art projects in the upper Minnesota River valley region.
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As for Nordin, he believes "an artist should be a researcher, thinker and maker. One must work with their head, heart and hands in order to create honest art. I choose
**JULY CALENDAR**

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**July 2 The Wendinger Band,** 7:00 pm, Riverside Park, Appleton. ’52 Wing Restoration Committee Summer Concert Series.

**July 2-3 Squeal: Young Stars Workshop Performance**/Hutchinson Theater Company, 7:00 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 15 Franklin St. SW, Hutchinson. Tickets: $5 at the door. Info at 320-587-7278 or www.hutchtheatre.org/young-stars.

**July 8 Music on Mondays: Queen Colleen & the Frey Daddies,** 7:00 pm, Central Park, Canby. In case of bad weather the performances will move to Canby’s Community Center located at City Hall. For more info, contact Ruth Ascher at 507-223-7043(H), 507-530-3288(C), or srascher@frontiernet.net.

**July 8-12 Raku Pottery Workshop,** 1:00-4:00 pm and 5:00-9:00 pm (choose afternoon or evening), at the KK Berge Building, Granite Falls. The fee for the class is $125 and it includes all supplies. Instructor Tamara Isfeld will take you through the process of creating pottery and sculpture, applying glaze, and Raku firing. For more information, contact the Granite Area Arts Council at 320-564-4039.

**July 9 Tom’s Big Band,** 7:00 pm, Riverside Park, Appleton. ’52 Wing Restoration Committee Summer Concert Series.

**July 11 Artist Reception: Lisa Bergh & Andrew Nordin,** 5:00-7:00 pm, SMAHC Gallery, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Live jazz guitar by Peter Lothringer 5:30-6:15.

**July 11 Artist Reception: Andy Kahmann,** 5:00-7:00 pm, Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, 109 N 3rd St, Marshall.

**July 12 Artist Reception: Eva Margaret,** 7:00-9:00 pm, KK Berge Gallery, 807 Prentice Street, Granite Falls.

**July 12-13 Rhythm of the River** at Ashley Park, Jackson. Information at rhythmoftheriver.org.


**July 13 Walnut Grove Art & Music Festival,** 11:00 am – 6:00 pm, City Park, Walnut Grove. Information at www.walnutgrove.org/festival.htm.

**July 14 South Dakota Old Time Fiddlers,** 3:00 pm, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone. Info at 872-722-2787 or www.pipestoneminsta.com/performingartscenter.

**July 15 Music in the Park – RiverSong Preview,** 7:00 pm, Library Square, Hutchinson. Information at www.riversongfestival.org.


**July 19-20 RiverSong Music Festival,** Masonic West River Park, Hutchinson. Friday: 5:00-11:00 pm, Saturday: 11:00 am – 11:00 pm. Information at www.riversongfestival.org.


**July 20 Walnut Grove Art & Music Festival,** 11:00 am – 6:00 pm, City Park, Walnut Grove. Information at www.walnutgrove.org/festival.htm.

**July 22 Music on Mondays: Randy & Joyce Meyer and The Grace Life Old Time Gospel Band,** 7:00 pm, Central Park, Canby. In case of bad weather the performances will move to Canby’s Community Center located at City Hall. For more info, contact Ruth Ascher at 507-223-7043(H), 507-530-3288(C), or srascher@frontiernet.net.

**July 22-26 Kids’ Summer Art Camp,** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Granite Falls. Kids ages 8 to 15 will explore a variety of art mediums with instructor Tamara Isfeld. Participants will need to pack a lunch. Cost will be $125 for each student. For more information, contact the Granite Area Arts Council at 320-564-4039.


**July 25-27 The Sound of Music** (Granite Falls Area Community Theatre), YME Auditorium, Granite Falls. 7:00 pm Thursday & Friday, 2:00 pm Saturday.

July 26-27 Have Fun With Your Photography! This course taught by Molly Schweinfurter is designed for enthusiastic digital photographers of all skill levels looking to enhance and improve their photo taking experience, while exploring the Minnesota River Valley and the “Scenic City” of Redwood Falls. Cost: $95. To register call or email Molly at 507-828-3282 or cedicomo@gmail.com. More info at https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mojo-Photography/402451619822665. Look for additional sessions in September and October.

**July 27 Walnut Grove Art & Music Festival, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm, City Park, Walnut Grove. Information at www.walnutgrove.org/festival.htm.**

July 27 American Pie, 8:00 pm, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, Pipestone. Info at 872-722-2787 or www.pipestoneminnesota.com/performingartscenter.

**July 27-28 Minnesota Pottery Festival, Clay Coyote Studio, 17614 240th St, Hutchinson. 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Saturday, 12:00 pm-5:00 pm Sunday. Information at www.mnpotteryfestival.com.**

July 31 Concert (performer to be determined), 7:00 pm, Liberty Park, Marshall. Marshall Area Fine Arts Council’s A Little Night Music free summer concert series.

July 31 Sounds of Summer Mural Deadline. Paint a two-foot square panel to be included of the Marshall’s Sounds of Summer Mural, August 15-18. Panels and paint can be picked up at the Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC), 109 N 3rd St, Marshall, starting Wednesday, July 3. Return the panel to MAFAC by July 31, 2013 in time for installation. Call 507-532-6463 for more information.

**GALLERIES**

**SMAHC Art Gallery** July 16-August 30: Lisa Bergh & Andrew Nordin. Artist Reception July 11, 5:00-7:00 pm. Visit the gallery Monday through Friday from 8 AM to Noon and 1:00 - 4:30 PM at 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

ARTmeyerson, 105 4th St. N., Atwater. To schedule an appointment, call Sue Meyerson at 320-220-0970 or 320-974-3609.

Barn Theatre Art Gallery, 321 4th St. SW, Willmar. Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM. For more info, call 320-235-9500 or email info@thebarntheater.com.

Big Stone Arts Council Gallery, 42 NW 2nd St, Ortonville. Gallery Hours: Tues-Fri 11:00am -4:00pm. Info at 320-487-1001.

Carnegie Cultural Center, 205 N. Freeman, Luverne. July: Mary Renfro Retrospective. Hours are Tues – Fri, 12 - 5 PM and Sat 1-4 PM. For more info, email cahrc@outlook.com or call 507-283-8294.

Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 28 N Main St, Hutchinson. Info at 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org.

Java River Cafe, 210 S 1st St, Montevideo. More information at 320-269-7106.

KK Berge Gallery, 807 Prentice Street, Granite Falls. July: Eva Margaret, Artist Reception 7:00-9:00 pm. August: Deb Connolly, Artist Reception August 16, 7:00-9:00 pm. Gallery hours Monday – Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm . Call 320-564-4039 for information.

**Luverne, 202 E Main St, west window. June 4-July 8: Cora Mumme: Exploration of Mixed Media. Cora received a 2013 SMAHC Art Study Opportunity for Youth grant.

**Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC), 109 N. 3rd Street, Marshall. Gallery Hours: Tues - Fri Noon - 5:30 PM. Other times by appt. Info at 507-532-5463 or www.mafac.net.**

Milan Village Arts School, junction of MN Highway 7/59 and MN Highway 40, Milan. For information on upcoming classes call 320-734-4807 or visit www.milanvillageartsschool.org.

Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, Worthington. July: Permanent Collection. Hours: M-F 2:00-4:30 pm. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.

North American State Bank, 2800 S 1st St, Willmar. Bank Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm.


Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue, Windom. May 6 - September 7: David Strom: “The Search Never Ends.” Gallery Hours: Mon - Fri 8 - 4 PM & Sat 10 - 4 PM. For more info, call 507-831-1134 or email cchs@windomnet.com


**Willmar Area Arts Council Gallery. Info at 320-235-8560 or willmarareaarts council.org.**
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Grant guidelines, grant applications, arts calendar, news and contact info

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